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SERIAL BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON

Robbed a Bank in Morgantown; Attempt in Wheeling foiled

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA — A serial bank robber from Pennsylvania has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for robbing a bank in Morgantown, West Virginia, while failing in an attempt to rob a Wheeling credit union.

RUDOLPH TODD HALADYNA, 36 years old of Clarksville, Pennsylvania, was sentenced today in United States District Court by Judge Irene M. Keeley to 240 months of incarceration for robbing the Huntington Bank, Cheat Lake Branch, in Morgantown, West Virginia, in November of 2010.

In addition to the count to which he plead guilty, HALADYNA was also alleged in the Indictment to have robbed multiple banks in Pennsylvania in 2010 and to have planned a robbery of a credit union in the Elm Grove section of Wheeling, West Virginia. HALADYNA and a coconspirator had purchased a ski mask and cased the Wheeling business before giving up thanks to the efforts local law enforcement.

"Thanks to the outstanding work of the F.B.I and the State Police a violent criminal will now serve the next two decades behind bars," said U.S. Attorney William Ihlenfeld, II. "I also must commend the Wheeling Police Department and Ohio County Sheriff's Department for helping to prevent a robbery by Haladyna in Elm Grove in December of 2010."

HALADYNA was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal pending designation to a federal correctional institution.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Robert H. McWilliams, Jr. and Shawn A. Morgan.